

House Resolution No. 4220

Whereas, it is with genuine pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State religious institutions which have provided unparalleled spiritual service to local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill has attained considerable distinction as a church which has been built and rebuilt, named and renamed, and headed by pastors who have come and gone down through the years, all for the purpose of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill will celebrate its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary with a special Homecoming gathering of current and former members and pastors on Sunday, October 10, 2004; and

Whereas, founded in 1854 in Jefferson County, First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill was served by a circuit riding preacher, Elder Washington Stephens, who held worship services once a month there; and

Whereas, members of First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill shared their little frame building and split-log pews with congregations of the Methodist and Evangelical churches until 1916; and

Whereas, although the Baptists met every Lord's Day for Sunday School, First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill did not have twice-monthly worship services until 1933 and did not move to weekly services until 1940; and

Whereas, a new church basement was built and dedicated in 1957, followed by an auditorium on top in 1968, a parsonage, a new sanctuary in 1977, and a library in 1978; and

Whereas, a house and five acres were purchased in 1984 to serve as a youth house, and in 1995 First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill joyfully paid off its debts:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive, and ongoing history of First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful Sesquicentennial Anniversary celebration on October 10, 2004; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Harold R. Selby
District No. 105

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4220, adopted October 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker